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Allowing Microsoft to settle its anti-trust suit by supplying Windows computers to schools is letting the company off the hook. Granted it is a substantial settlement, but it will expand Microsoft's market and increase their monopoly power, as they effectively are boosted in one of the markets which they do not entirely dominate. This seems hardly an appropriate punishment for abuse of current monopoly power. If the settlement guaranteed that the money would be used for non-Microsoft products, the settlement might seem like a real punishment. As it is, many might mistakenly credit Microsoft with good will.

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